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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9548

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: EG, UK, PFOR, MARR, EAID

SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL CLEARANCE (NIMBUS STAR/MOON)

REF: STATE 74201

1. WE RAISED STATUS OF FORCES (SOFA) JURISDICTION QUESTION WITH FCO PER REFTEL. ACTION OFFICER NIXON OF FCO SAYS THAT PARA 1 ANNEX B FORMULA HAS BEEN USED IN MANY SOFA AGREEMENTS IN PAST AND IS TAKEN BY HMG TO MEAN "ONE HUNDRED PERCENT, EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION." HE SAID FCO HAD BEEN TROUBLED BY FORMULATION BECAUSE IT WAS TOO STRONG WITH HINT OF OLD IMPERIALISM. BUT FINAL DECISION WAS TO GO WITH THIS FORMULATION AS BEST POSSIBLE IN TIME AVAILABLE.

3. NIXON SAID THAT REVISION OF FORMULATION WOULD REQUIRE MASSIVE EFFORT BY HMG SINCE PARA 1 ANNEX B IS MAXIMUM EVER USED BY UK SO NEW LEGAL GROUND WOULD HAVE TO BE BROKEN. WHILE THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT HMG WOULD NOT CHANGE FORMULATION IT DOES MEAN NO REDRAFT POSSIBLE OVER LONG EASTER WEEKEND.

4. WE PRESSED FCO FOR DELAY IN PRESENTATION UK SOFA. NIXON RESPONDED THAT UK EMBASSY CAIRO HAS BEEN TOLD IT "MAY CONFIDENTIAL

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NOW PRESENT DRAFT SOFA IN CONCERT WITH US AMBASSADOR".

BECAUSE OF UK HOLIDAY, NIXON DOES NOT FEEL HE COULD GET THIS  
INSTRUCTION CHANGED BY AM APRIL 12, HE SUGGESTS THAT UK EMBASSY  
CAIRO HAS ENOUGH LEEWAY IN INSTRUCTIONS TO DEFER PRESENTATION  
UK DRAFT IF US AMBASSADOR CAIRO ASKED HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUE  
TO DELAY.  
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